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BUILDING STATISTICS - TASMANIA - DECEMBER QUARTER 1952.

The Deputy Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. J. C. Stephen) has made available the following particulars of Building Statistics for the quarter ended 31st December, 1952, together with comparable data for preceding periods.

1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED.

A statement of definitions of terms used will be found on page 11.

2. SUMMARY FOR QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952.

Statistics of building operations for the quarter ended 31st December 1952 show that -

1. The number of houses commenced and under construction declined whilst the number completed showed an increase. (See table on Page 3.)

2. For new buildings other than houses the value of work commenced and under construction increased slightly, but value of work completed declined substantially (See table on Page 7.)

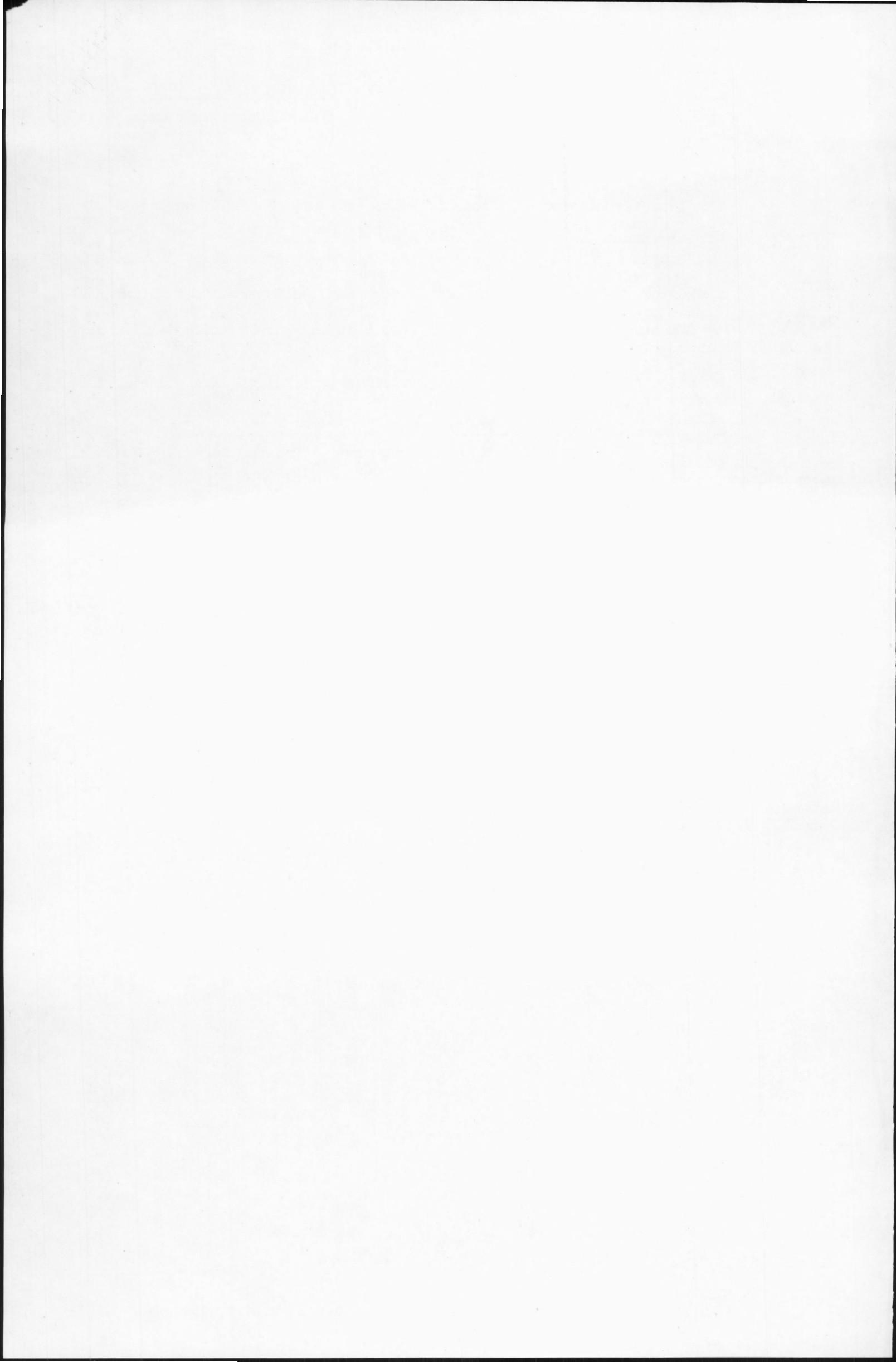
3. The value of work done on all new buildings (including houses) during the December quarter 1952 declined by £267,000 (See table on Page 9.)

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS, TASMANIA, DECEMBER QUARTER 1952.

Description of Building and Constructing Agency	Commenced during December Quarter 1952.		Completed during December Quarter 1952.		Under Construction at 31st Dec. 1952.		Value of Work done during December, Qr. 1952. £'000
	No. of Bldgs.	Value (£'000)	No. of Bldgs.	Value (£'000)	No. of Bldgs.	Value (£'000)	
1. Houses (b)							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	148	384	256	678	488	1,452	565
On Govt. A/c.	47	124	157	353	262	713	260
(ii) Govt. Day Labour	70	156	89	247	130	293	156
(iii) Owner-Builders	227	451	481	906	1,437	3,209	697
Total Houses	492	1,115	983	2,184	2,317	5,667	1,678
2. Flats (c)							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	-	-	4	11	7	18	2
3. Shops with Dwellings							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	3	11	2	7	17	70	22
4. Shops w/out Dwellings							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	7	13	9	28	12	31	18
5. Hotels, Guest Houses							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	-	-	3	121	3	117	60
On Govt. A/c.	1	21			5	322	19
6. Factories -							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	4	20	10	103	37	1,456	233
On Govt. A/c.	1	20			6	500	57
7. Other New Buildings							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	33	132	36	119	70	614	165
On Govt. A/c.	7	88	15	78	50	2,699	269
(ii) Govt. Day Labour	7	21	11	49	21	397	32
Total other New Buildings	63	326	90	516	228	6,224	877
All New Buildings							
(i) Pte. Contractors							
On Pte. A/c.	195	560	320	1,067	634	3,758	1,065
On Govt. A/c.	56	253	172	431	323	4,234	605
(ii) Govt. Day Labour	77	177	100	296	151	690	188
(iii) Owner-Builders	227	451	481	906	1,437	3,209	697
GRAND TOTAL	555	1,441	1,073	2,700	2,545	11,891	2,555

(a) When completed. (b) Converted army huts excluded.

(c) Number indicates number of individual flats provided as new dwellings.



Persons employed on jobs as at the end of December 1952 as reported by Builders, are shown in various categories in the following table. Comparative details for earlier periods will be found on Page 10.

PERSONS (a) ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS
OF NEW BUILDINGS IN TASMANIA AS AT 31ST, DECEMBER, 1952.

Grade of Occupation	No.	Type of Occupation.	No.	Work Engaged on.	No.
Contractors	982	Carpenters	2,739	New Buildings	
Sub-Contractors	563	Bricklayers	405	Houses	3,033
Wage Earners	4,320	Painters	382	Other New Buildings	1,637
		Electricians	188	Additions & Alterations(b)	
		Plumbers	265	Houses	433
		Builders'		Other Buildings	424
		Labourers	1,247	Repairs & Maintenance(b)	338
		Others	639		
Total	5,865	Total	5,865	Total	5,865

(a) Includes estimate for persons working on owner-built jobs.

(b) Excludes principals and their employees engaged solely on alterations, additions and maintenance work.

3. NEW HOUSES.

1. NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.

During the quarter ended 31st December 1952, 983 houses were completed compared with 909 in September quarter, 887 in June quarter and 705 in March quarter 1952. The number of completions during the December quarter in preceding years were 1945-113; 1946-247; 1947-392; 1948-564; 1949-655; 1950-870; 1951-1,336.

In addition to houses, 6 new dwellings were provided during the quarter by the construction of flats and shops with dwellings.

The 983 houses completed during the December quarter 1952 comprised 169 solid brick concrete etc. 107 brick, concrete veneer etc. 526 weatherboard, 100 prefabricated wood and 81 fibro-cement. Of the 18,037 houses completed since the September quarter 1945, 4,455 or 24.7% were of brick, concrete etc. and 13,582 or 75.3% were of wood etc. material.

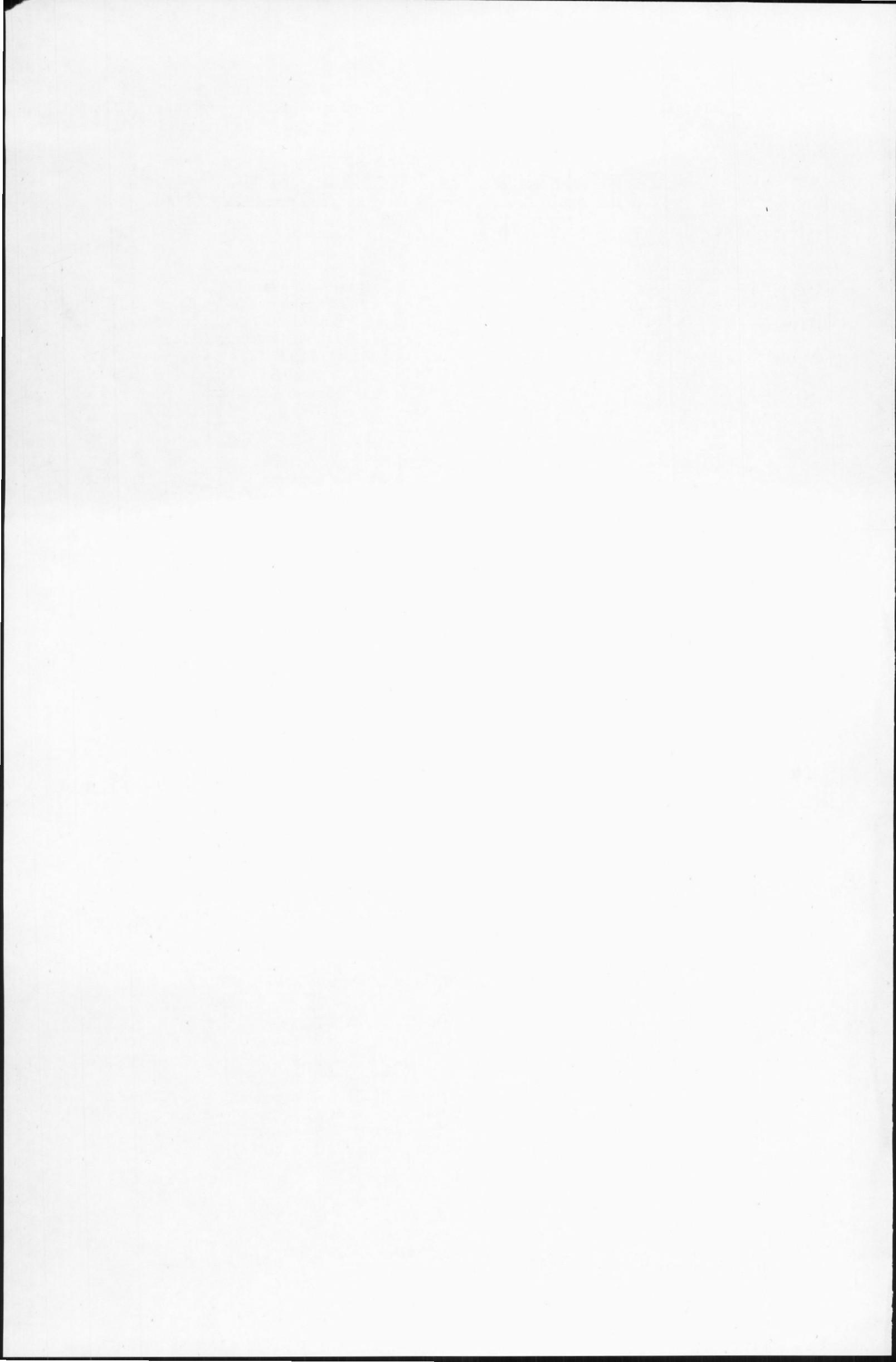
The average recorded value of each house completed in Tasmania during the December Quarter was £2,221 the highest yet recorded. Average values for the December Quarter in preceding years were as follows:-

1945-£903; 1946-£1,097; 1947-£1,110; 1948-£1,312; 1949-£1,424; 1950-£1,707; 1951-£1,992; For December quarter 1952 the average completed value of each house of brick, concrete etc. was £2,808 compared with £2,046 for each house of wood and £1,580 for each fibro etc. house. The corresponding average values for December quarter 1951 were brick etc. £2,672, wood £1,836 and fibro etc. £1,252.

2. NEW HOUSES COMMENCED.

The number of new houses commenced during the December quarter 1952 was 492 or 82 less than in the September quarter 1952. Since the September quarter 1951, the number of commencements each quarter have gradually decreased and the figure for the December quarter 1952 is the lowest recorded since December quarter 1948.

Since July 1945, 20,306 houses have been commenced in Tasmania..



NEW HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

The number of houses under construction at 31st December 1952, was 2,317 a decrease of 491 compared with the previous quarter. Corresponding figures as at 31st December of previous years are as follows:- 1945-546; 1946-1,193; 1947-1,847; 1948-2,161; 1949-3,073; 1950-3,447; 1951-3,199.

Houses under construction at 31st December 1952 were distributed according to materials of outer walls as follows: Solid brick, concrete etc. 622 (26.8%) brick, concrete etc. veneers 270 (11.7%), wood 1,152 (49.6%) prefabricated wood 152 (6.6%) fibro-cement 120 (5.2%) and others 1 (.1%)

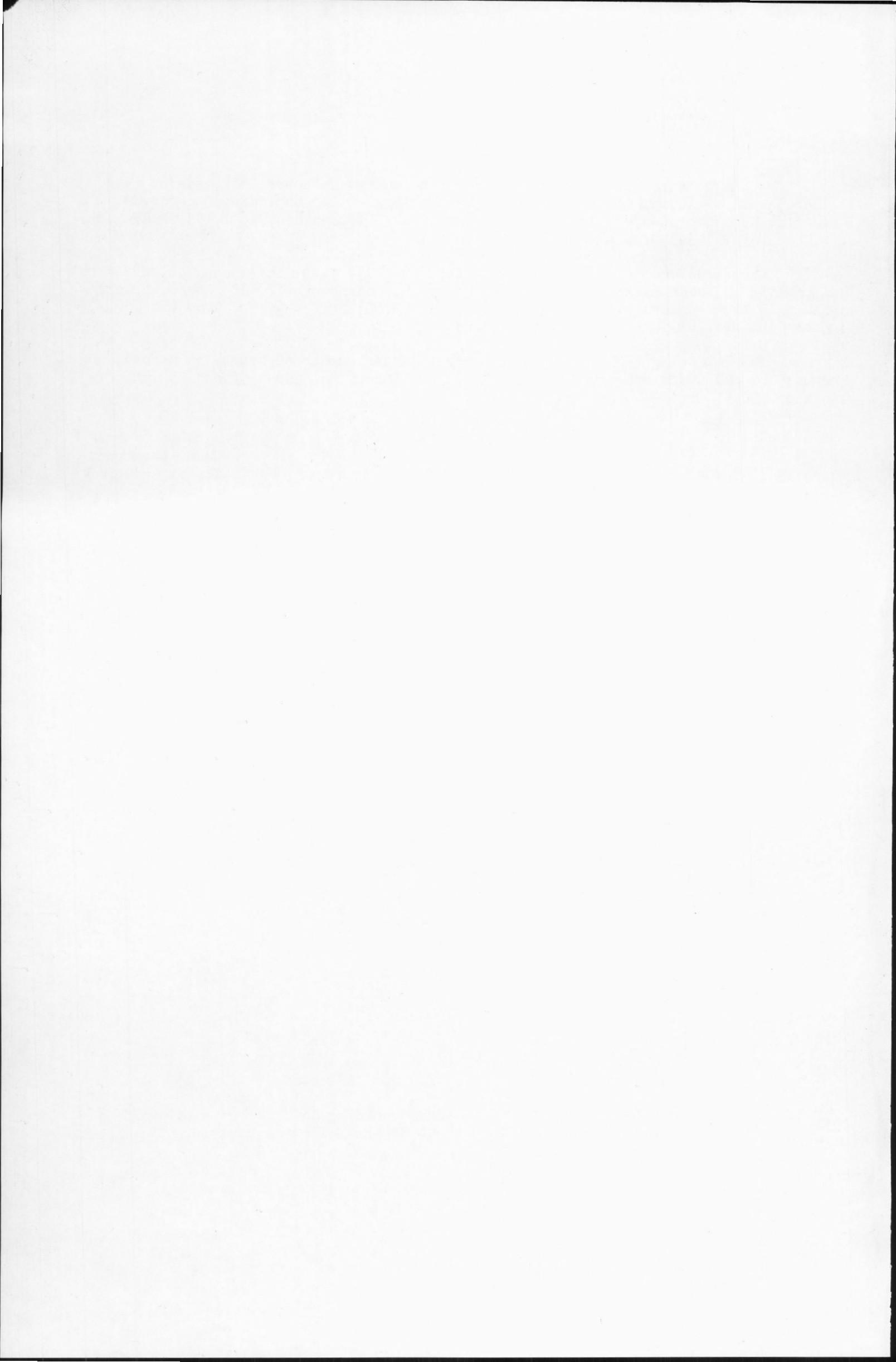
The following table shows in summary form the number of houses commenced, completed and under construction for the years 1945-46 to 1951-1952 and by quarters since 1950-51.

NEW HOUSES - TASMANIA.

PERIOD	Commenced		Completed		Under Construction at end of Period.	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1945-46	1,316 (a)	1,100 (a)	479	453	1,013	1,066
1946-47	1,642	1,854	1,070	1,137	1,557	1,802
1947-48	2,062	2,603	1,544	1,741	2,065	2,742
1948-49	2,849	3,937	2,287	2,992	2,575	3,802
1949-50	3,664	5,839	2,852	4,185	3,357	5,652
1950-51	4,122	7,473	3,914	6,726	3,558	7,090
1951-52	3,585	7,651	3,999	8,167	3,143	7,220
1950-51 -						
September Qr.	968	1,635	1,038	1,612	3,280	5,804
December Qr.	1,037	1,809	870	1,485	3,447	6,257
March Qr.	1,031	1,892	966	1,730	3,512	6,385
June Qr.	1,086	2,137	1,040	1,899	3,558	7,090
1951-52 -						
September Qr.	1,098	2,260	1,071	2,102	3,584	7,513
December Qr.	1,016	2,202	1,336	2,663	3,264	7,243
March Qr.	787	1,667	705	1,519	3,346	7,595
June Qr.	684	1,522	887	1,883	3,143	7,220
1952-53 -						
September Qr.	574	1,309	909	1,994	2,808	6,712
December Qr.	492	1,115	983	2,184	2,317	5,667
Total since 1/7/45	20,306	32,881	18,037	29,579		

(a) Estimated; actual figures not collected.

The total number of dwellings according to type, completed and under construction is set out in the following table:-



CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLINGS, ACCORDING TO TYPE, TASMANIA.

PERIOD	Private Houses				New Flats (Dwelling units)(b)	Shops with Dwellings	Total
	Brick Concrete etc.(a)	Wood	Fibro Cement	Other			
Number of Dwellings completed.							
1945-46	111	356	12	-	-	2	481
1946-47	296	756	14	4	21	8	1,099
1947-48	373	1,127	41	3	4	8	1,556
1948-49	534	1,606	140	7	25	28	2,340
1949-50	722	1,955	165	10	24	18	2,894
1950-51	959	2,741	208	6	18	21	3,953
1951-52	982	2,697	312	8	20	28	4,047
Mar. Qr.	168	473	61	3	6	3	714
Jun. Qr.	243	580	63	1	6	5	898
1952-53 Sep. Qr.	202	623	84	-	4	2	915
Dec. Qr.	276	626	81	-	4	2	989
Total since 1/7/45	4,455	12,487	1,057	38	120	117	18,274
Number of dwellings under Construction.							
31st Dec. 1946	353	816	19	5	9	7	1,209
" " 1947	565	1,148	31	3	18	10	1,875
" " 1948	711	1,315	131	4	33	15	2,209
" " 1949	1,018	1,891	157	7	20	14	3,107
" " 1950	1,061	2,202	180	4	15	17	3,479
" " 1951	1,107	1,917	172	3	23	18	3,240
30th Sep. 1952	1,044	1,608	155	1	11	16	2,835
31st Dec. 1952	892	1,304	120	1	7	17	2,341

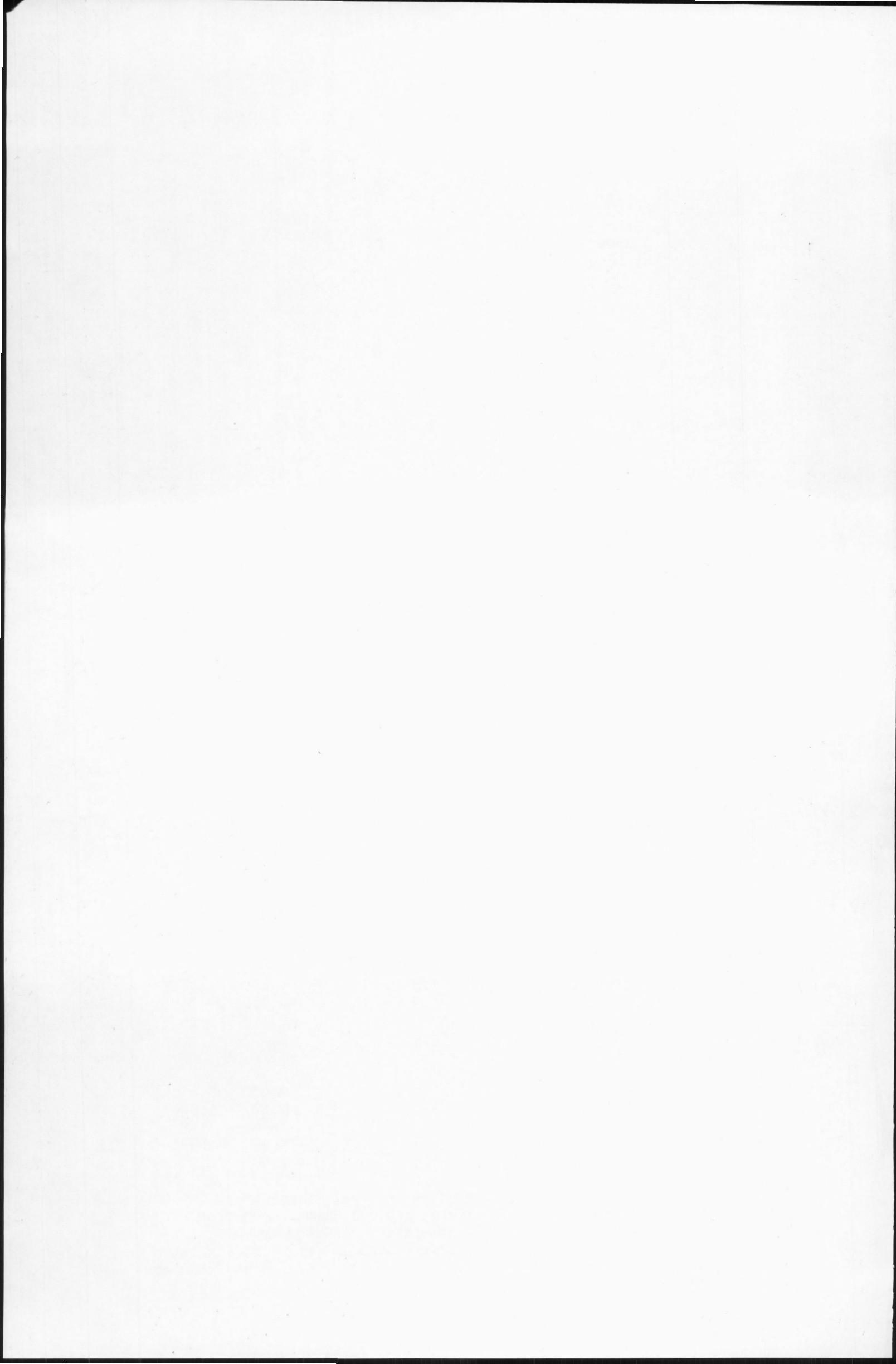
(a) Includes Veneers.

(b) Conversions into Flats are excluded.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION & AVERAGE RECORDED VALUE OF EACH TYPE OF NEW HOUSE, TASMANIA.

PERIOD	Percentage Distribution				Average recorded values of New Houses completed (c).				
	Completed		Under Construction at end of period.		Brick (a)	Wood	Brick (a)	Wood	Fibro etc.(b) £
	Brick (a) %	Wood %	Fibro etc.(b) %	Brick (a) %	Wood	Fibro etc.(b) %	Brick (a) £	Wood £	Fibro etc.(b) £
1945-46	23.2	74.3	2.5	29.7	68.9	1.4	1,252	857	750
1946-47	27.7	70.6	1.7	30.4	68.0	1.6	1,392	939	833
1947-48	24.2	73.0	2.8	30.6	65.6	3.8	1,582	988	841
1948-49	23.4	70.2	6.4	33.5	61.3	5.2	1,830	1,183	782
1949-50	25.3	68.6	6.1	33.5	61.6	4.9	2,012	1,315	926
1950-51	24.5	70.0	5.5	31.9	62.6	5.5	2,340	1,554	1,037
1951-52	24.6	67.4	8.0	34.6	59.9	5.6	2,637	1,862	1,419
1951-52									
Mar. Qr.	23.8	67.1	9.1	34.4	60.1	5.5	3,030	1,915	1,625
Jun. Qr.	27.4	65.4	7.2	34.6	59.9	5.6	2,827	1,900	1,469
1952-53									
Sep. Qr.	22.2	68.5	9.3	37.2	57.3	5.5	3,054	1,996	1,583
Dec. Qr.	28.1	63.7	8.2	38.5	56.3	5.2	2,808	2,046	1,580

(a) Includes Stone, Concrete and Veneers.
(b) Fibro-Cement and Other.
(c) Average value is obtained by dividing total number of houses completed into the total value of houses completed as stated by builders. As averages they relate to houses of the size and standard completed in the relevant period, and cannot be regarded as an index of the cost of erecting houses of a particular size or standard.



4. NEW HOUSES ACCORDING TO MUNICIPALITIES:

Particulars of building permits issued for houses, and the number and values of houses commenced, completed and under construction, according to local government areas, are shown for December Quarter, 1952, in the next two tables:-

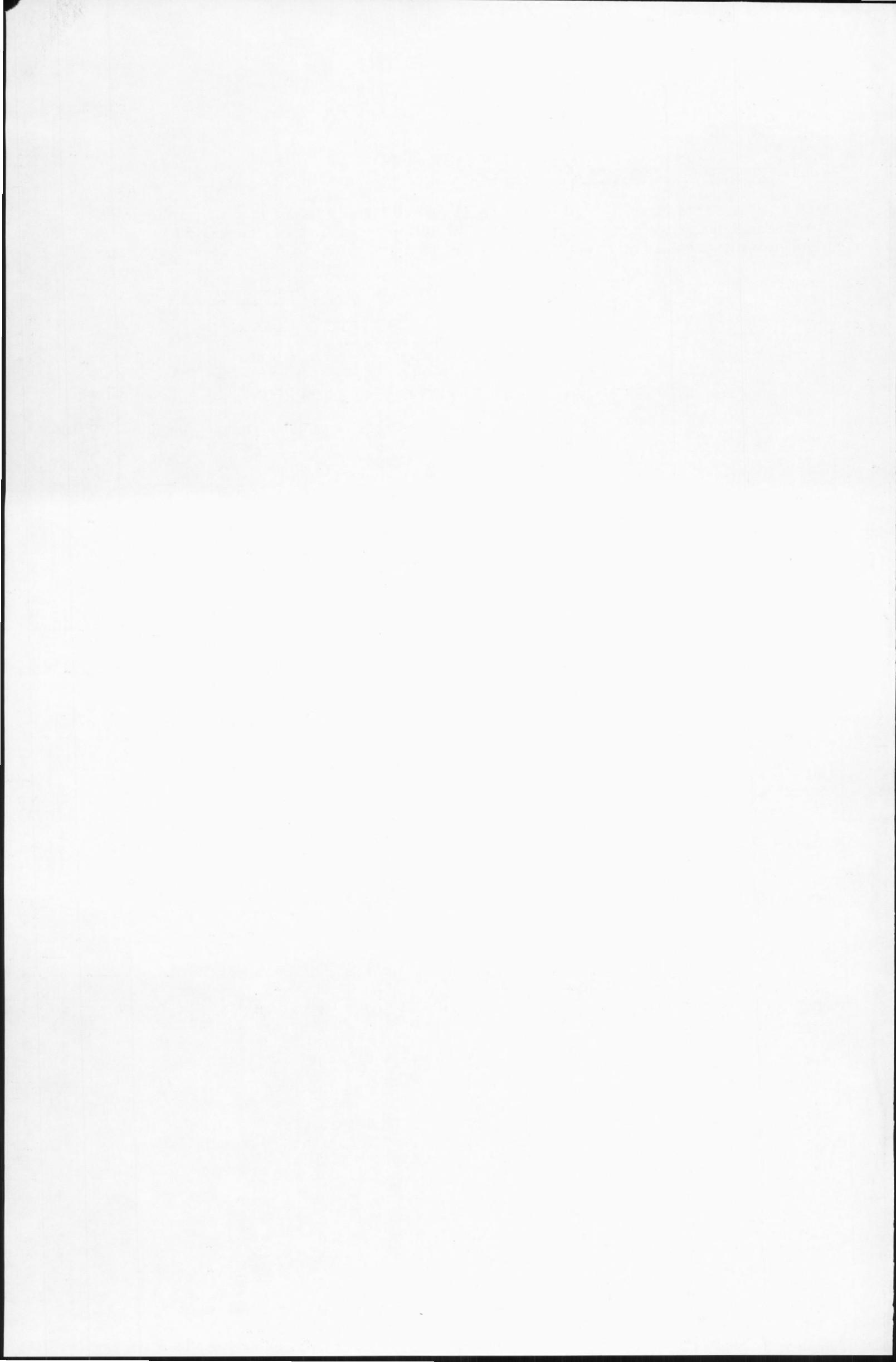
A. SUMMARY: BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1952.

AREA.	Building Permits granted during Quarter.		Commenced during Quarter.		Completed during Quarter.		Under Construction at end of Quarter.	
	No.	Value (a) £'000	No.	Value (a) £'000	No.	Value (a) £'000	No.	Value (a) £'000
Hobart, City	32	104	33	95	67	199	236	757
Hobart-Suburbs-								
Clarence (b)	83	202	76	178	72	167	274	678
Kingborough(b)	14	48	18	52	30	99	68	183
Glenorchy	74	198	57	133	83	192	296	735
Total Suburbs	171	448	151	363	185	458	638	1,596
<u>Total Hobart and Suburbs.</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>2,353</u>
Launceston City	23	60	33	85	127	302	183	499
Launceston Suburbs (b)								
Beaconsfield	10	23	9	23	26	65	44	98
Evandale	-	-	-	-	2	7	1	2
Lilydale	3	6	8	17	12	31	18	40
St. Leonards	14	38	9	25	27	59	73	157
Westbury	4	4	-	-	2	2	5	14
Total Suburbs	31	71	26	65	69	164	141	311
<u>Total Launceston and Suburbs</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>810</u>
All Other Areas (c)	246	467	249	507	535	1,061	1,119	2,504
Total Tasmania (c)	503	1,150	492	1,115	983	2,184	2,317	5,667

(a) Value when completed.

(b) Suburban areas only of these Municipalities.

(c) Excluding building permit details for those Municipalities which do not require a permit to build.



B. BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSES ACCORDING TO
STATISTICAL DIVISIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS - DECEMBER QR. 1952.

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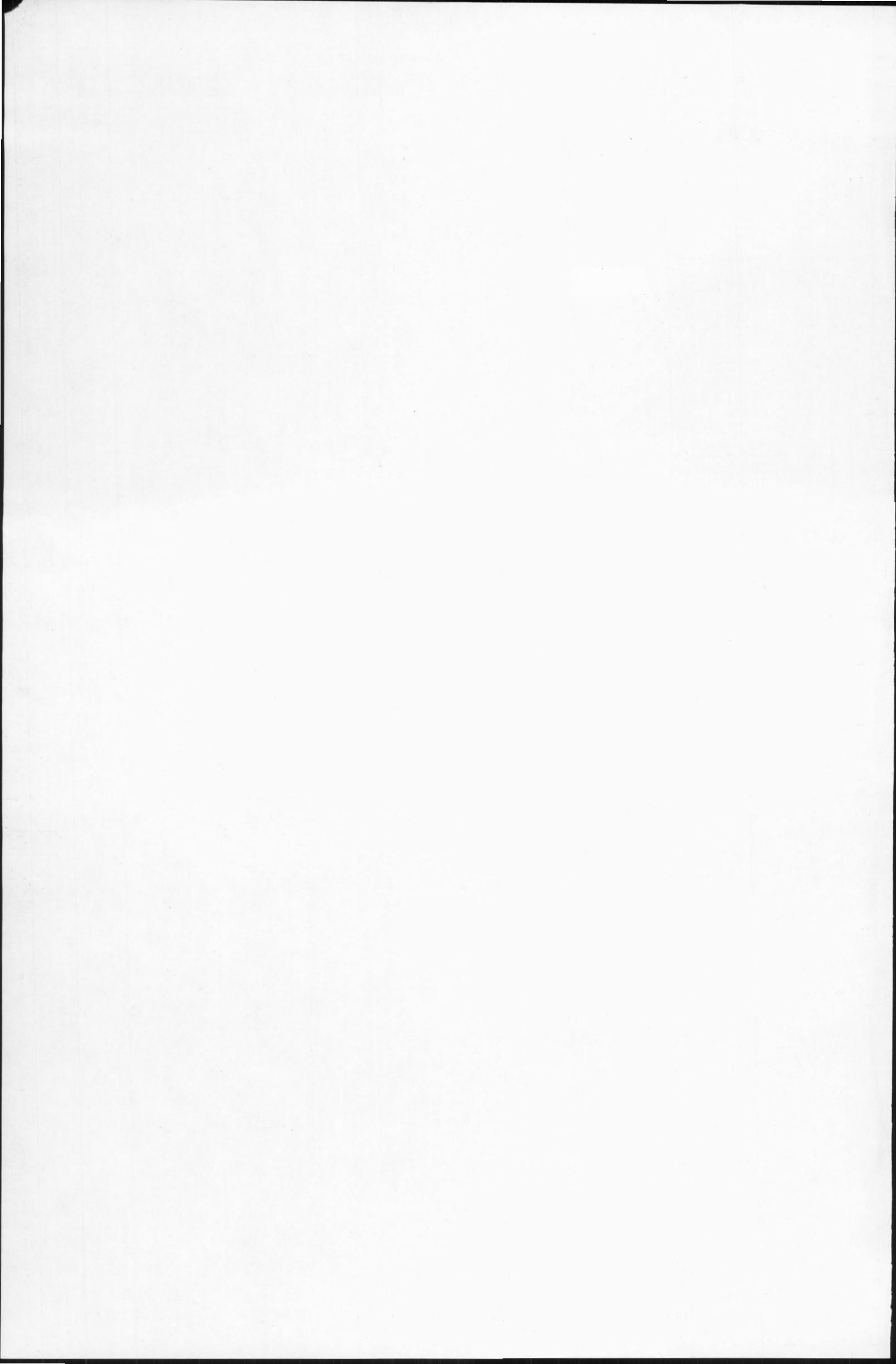
(Including Owner-Built Houses).

Statistical Divisions and Local Government Areas	Building Per- mits granted during Qtr.		Commenced during Quarter.		Completed during Quarter.		Under Construc- tion at end of Quarter.	
	No.	Value (a) £'000	No.	Value(a) £'000	No.	Value(a) £'000	No.	Value (a) £'000
<u>URBAN DIVISION</u>								
Hobart, City	32	104	33	95	67	199	236	757
" Suburbs	171	448	151	363	185	457	638	1,596
Launceston, City	23	60	33	85	127	302	183	499
" Suburbs	31	71	26	65	69	165	141	311
Total Urban Division	257	683	243	608	448	1,123	1,198	3,163
<u>NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION</u>								
Burnie	20	40	26	55	65	142	149	332
Circular Head	9	15	12	28	16	27	33	79
Deloraine	6	10	5	15	14	27	21	53
Devonport	24	56	9	16	56	110	141	311
Kentish	4	6	4	6	7	12	13	23
King Island	1	2	11	30	15	35	17	44
Latrobe	5	8	5	9	6	11	24	42
Penguin	4	7	4	8	8	12	23	40
Ulverstone	16	33	15	33	35	72	64	130
Wynyard	13	29	5	9	20	47	35	65
Total North-Western Div.	102	206	96	209	242	495	520	1,119
<u>NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION</u>								
Beaconsfield (b)	5	8	22	39	32	45	68	136
Fingal	1	2	12	19	27	34	21	37
Flinders	3	7	2	5	3	8	6	16
George Town	18	30	10	21	49	110	99	302
Lilydale (b)	2	3	3	6	4	7	5	10
Portland	3	12	2	2	4	7	10	18
Ringarooma	2	4	2	4	2	3	3	5
Scottsdale	7	8	4	10	8	14	20	57
Total North-Eastern Div.	41	74	57	106	129	228	232	581
<u>NORTH-MIDLAND DIVISION</u>								
Evandale (b)	-	-	1	3	3	7	11	21
Longford	8	15	3	6	11	16	21	47
St. Leonards (b)	4	6	-	-	15	31	33	71
Westbury (b)	4	6	5	10	7	14	17	34
Total North-Midland Div.	16	27	9	19	36	68	82	173
<u>MIDLAND DIVISION</u>								
Bothwell	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2
Campbell Town	-	-	1	1	1	1	8	17
Hamilton	7	18	3	3	8	21	7	13
Oatlands	1	2	-	-	5	9	6	23
Ross	1	2	-	-	4	10	-	-
Total Midland Division	9	22	5	5	19	42	22	55
<u>SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION</u>								
Brighton (c)	-	-	-	-	15	82	-	-
Clarence (b)	22	46	33	78	32	51	71	159
Glamorgan	7	11	1	2	1	1	3	11
Green Ponds (c)	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Richmond	-	-	2	3	1	1	3	11
Sorell	12	8	10	10	15	14	22	33
Spring Bay	2	8	3	3	7	6	8	11
Total South-Eastern Div.	43	73	49	96	72	157	107	225
<u>SOUTHERN DIVISION</u>								
Bruny	1	1	-	-	1	2	3	6
Esperance	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huon	3	4	4	13	4	7	14	35
Kingborough (b)	15	32	7	8	7	10	26	51
New Norfolk	9	16	2	3	12	24	44	85
Port Cygnet	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	4
Tasman	2	2	3	7	5	8	3	7
Total Southern Division	33	61	16	31	29	51	92	188
<u>WESTERN DIVISION</u>								
Queenstown	2	4	6	16	3	10	14	36
Strahan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zeehan	-	-	11	25	5	10	50	127
Total Western Division	2	4	17	41	8	20	64	163
Total Country Divisions	246	467	249	507	535	1,061	1,119	2,504
<u>TOTAL TASMANIA (d)</u>	503	1,150	492	1,115	983	2,184	2,317	5,667

(a) Value when completed.

(b) Country sections only of these Municipalities:

(c) Building permits not issued in these municipalities. (d) Excludes building permit details for these Municipalities which do not issue permits.



NEW BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN HOUSES.)

Note: Values quoted exclude the cost of land on which buildings are erected.

The value of new buildings (other than houses) completed during the December Quarter was £516,000 compared with £873,000 for September Quarter 1952, and £675,000 for December Quarter 1951. Ten new factories valued at £103,000 were completed during the quarter.

During the December quarter 1952, the value of new buildings (other than houses) commenced was £326,000 which compared with £295,000 in September quarter 1952. Construction of 5 new factories valued at £40,000 was commenced during the December quarter, 1952.

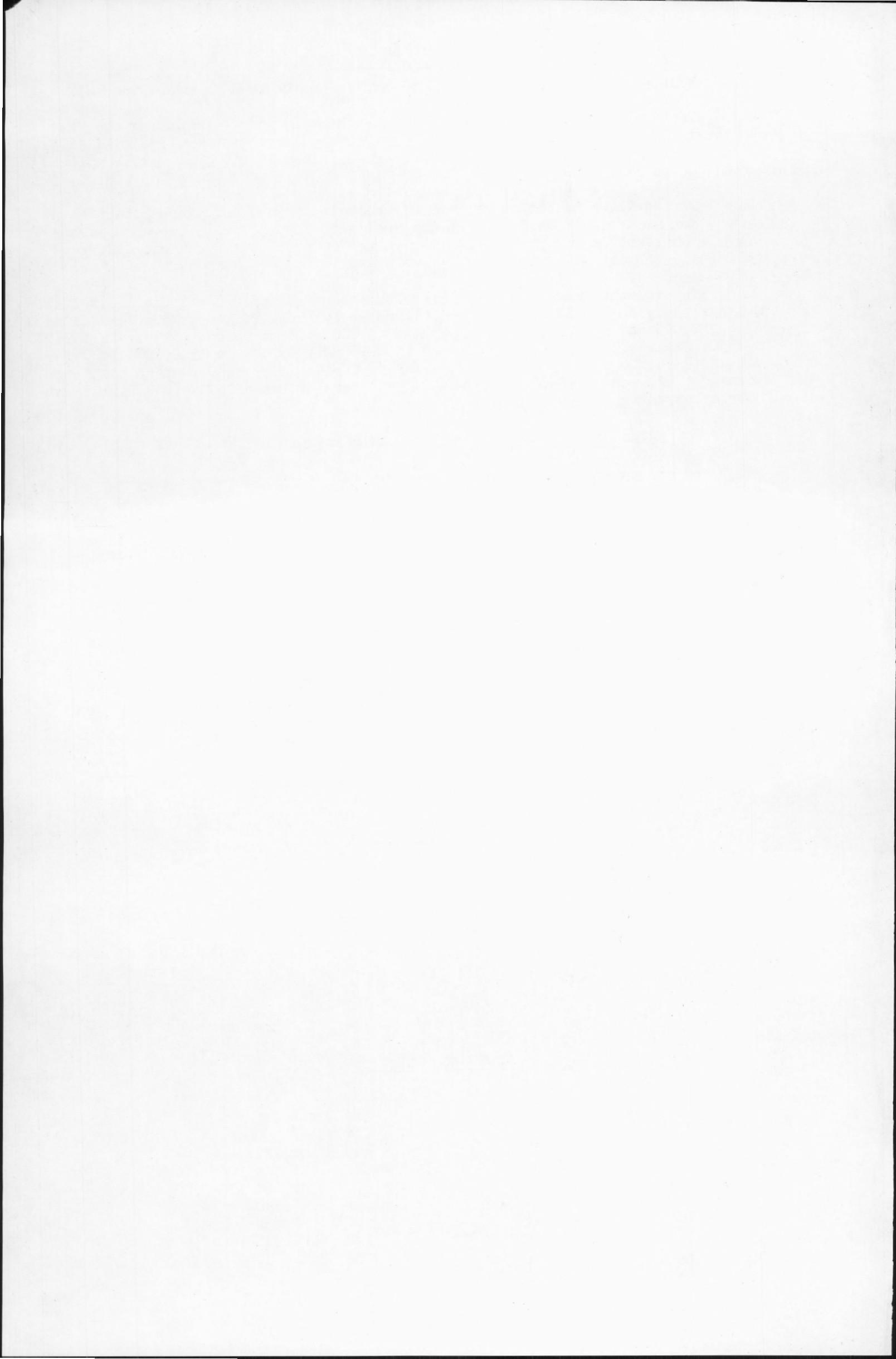
The value of new buildings (other than houses) under construction at 31st December 1952, was £6,224,000 a slight increase over the September quarter figure of £6,212,000 and may be compared with £5,413,000 at 31st December 1951, £4,159,000 in 1950, £2,415,000 in 1949, £1,660,000 in 1948, £1,286,000 in 1947, £691,000 in 1946 and £314,000 in 1945. The value of factories under construction at 31st December 1952, was £1,956,000 or 31.4% of the total value of all other buildings under construction at that date.

The progress made in the construction of new buildings (other than houses) is shown in the next table:-

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN HOUSES).

PERIOD	Flats	Shops with Dwelling	Shops	Hotels,	Factor-ies.	Other New Bldgs.	Total New Bldgs.
			Without Dwelling	Guest Houses etc.			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>COMMENCED DURING PERIOD.</u>							
1945-46 (a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946-47	10	12	39	41	458	304	864
1947-48	25	26	40	57	311	545	1,004
1948-49	43	36	38	229	454	634	1,434
1949-50	24	36	64	97	899	1,420	2,540
1950-51	27	60	123	130	465	2,058	2,863
1951-52	29	52	103	332	955	1,882	3,353
1951-52 Mar. Qr.	2	12	64	7	120	263	468
" " Jun. Qr.	-	-	8	-	437	818	1,263
1952-53 Sep. Qr.	10	11	12	-	31	231	295
" " Dec. Qr.	-	11	13	21	40	241	326
Total since 1/7/45	168	244	432	907	3,613	7,315	12,679
<u>COMPLETED DURING PERIOD.</u>							
1945-46	-	3	6	-	11	154	174
1946-47	17	9	12	4	51	187	280
1947-48	5	16	23	17	310	167	538
1948-49	29	30	32	107	334	286	818
1949-50	28	35	66	85	563	380	1,157
1950-51	28	70	74	26	701	778	1,677
1951-52	40	62	152	115	705	1,270	2,344
1951-52 Mar. Qr.	10	8	39	8	292	85	442
" " Jun. Qr.	13	18	46	65	104	303	549
1952-53 Sep. Qr.	13	7	24	19	53	757	873
" " Dec. Qr.	11	7	28	121	103	246	516
Total since 1/7/45	171	239	417	494	2,831	4,225	8,377
<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</u>							
1st June 1946	8	10	6	8	125	180	337
" 1947	5	16	30	43	533	330	957
" 1948	24	27	48	81	738	486	1,404
" 1949	33	29	66	211	860	871	2,070
" 1950	32	35	62	169	1,222	1,818	3,338
" 1951	35	51	113	392	1,329	3,168	5,088
1st Dec. 1951	52	63	77	670	1,461	3,090	5,413
1st Mar. 1952	45	72	107	661	1,390	3,554	5,829
1st Jun. 1952	32	55	54	601	1,832	3,976	6,550
1st Sep. 1952	29	59	45	582	1,923	3,574	6,212
1st Dec. 1952	18	70	31	439	1,956	3,710	6,224

(a) Information not collected.



VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS.

The value of all new buildings (including houses) completed in Tasmania during the December quarter 1952 was £2,700,000, a decrease of £167,000 compared with September quarter 1952 and £638,000 less than in December quarter 1951. New houses valued at £2,184,000 comprised 80.9% of the total value of completions in December quarter 1952.

During the quarter the value of all new buildings commenced was £1,441,000 compared with £1,604,000 in September quarter 1952 and £2,894,000 in the December quarter 1951.

The value of all new buildings under construction at 31st December, 1952, was £11,891,000 compared with £12,924,000 at 30th September 1952, and £12,666,000 at 31st December, 1951.

In comparing these money values, due allowance should be made for changes in building costs.

The following table summarizes the values of all new buildings commenced, completed and under construction since 1946.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS, TASMANIA.

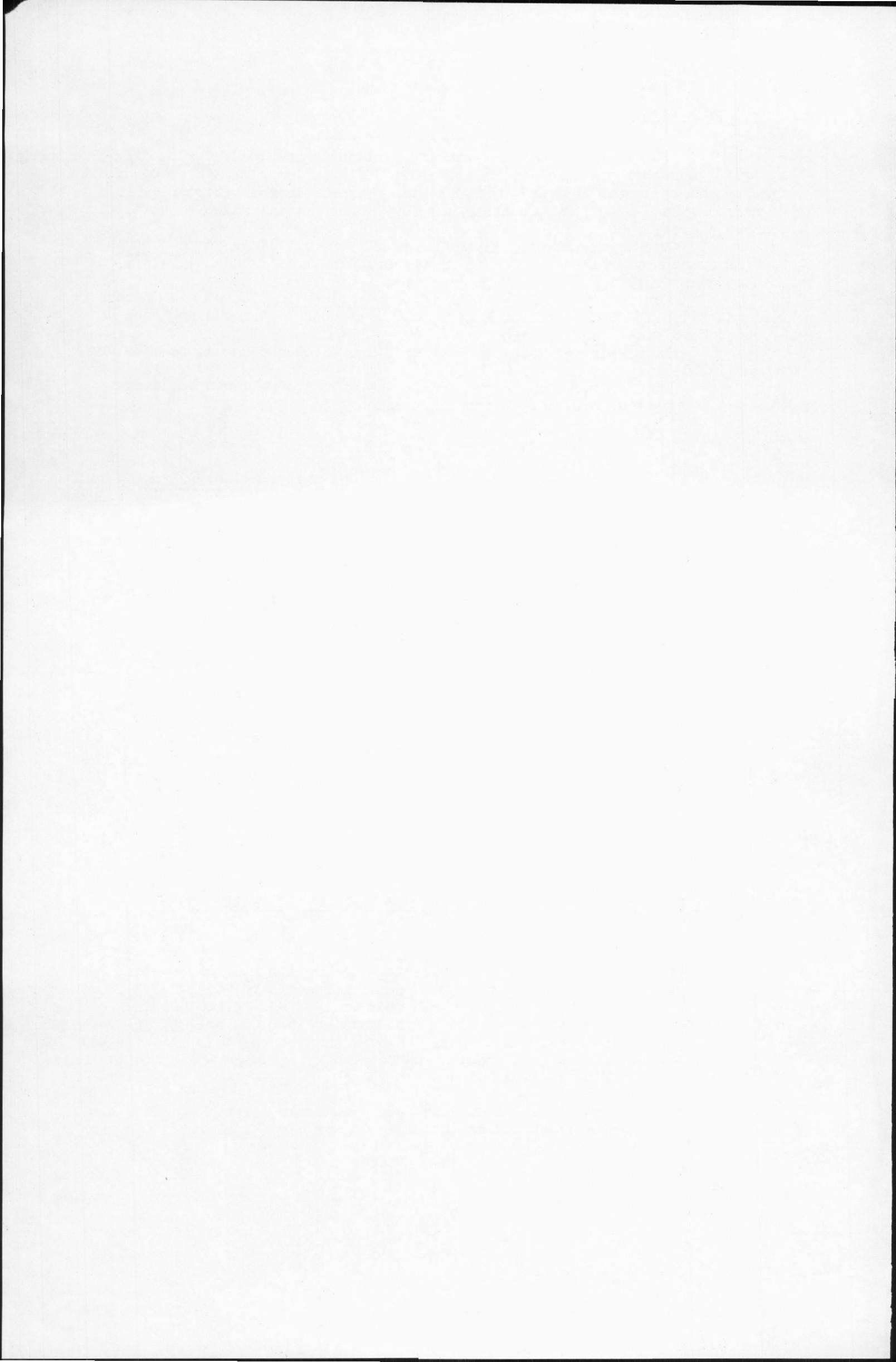
PERIOD	Commenced during Period	Completed during Period	Under Construc-
			tion at end of Period.
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Year ended 30th June, 1946	(a)	627	1,403
" " " " 1947	2,718	1,417	2,759
" " " " 1948	3,607	2,279	4,146
" " " " 1949	5,371	3,810	5,872
" " " " 1950	8,379	5,342	8,990
" " " " 1951	10,336	8,403	12,178
" " " " 1952	11,104	10,511	13,770
1951-52 - December Quarter	2,894	3,338	12,666
March Quarter	2,135	1,961	13,424
June Quarter	2,785	2,432	13,770
1952-3 Sept. Quarter	1,604	2,867	12,924
Dec. Quarter	1,441	2,700	11,891

(a) Not available.

6. VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS.

The value of work done on new buildings has been calculated from data collected on builders' returns. According to information recorded on these returns the value of work done on new buildings during the December quarter 1952 was £2,555,000 compared with £2,822,000 in September quarter 1951, £2,693,000 in the June quarter 1952, £2,646,000 in March quarter 1952 and £3,400,000 in December quarter 1951. Of the December quarter 1952 total £1,678,000 or 65.7% represented value of work done in respect of houses. Hobart and Suburbs accounted for £857,000 or 33.5% of the total value, Launceston and Suburbs £388,000 or 15.2% and the rest of the State £1,310,000 or 51.3%.

Details for December quarter 1952 and totals for each quarter since December quarter 1950 are set out on the following page:-



VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS IN TASMANIA DURING
DECEMBER QUARTER 1952.

	Hobart			Launceston			Rest of State	Total Tas- mania	Percen- tage Total
	City	Sub- urbs	City & Suburbs	City	Sub- urbs	City & Suburbs			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Houses-Brick, Concrete etc. (a)	122	110	252	84	66	150	224	606	23.7
Wood	44	264	308	89	33	122	551	981	38.4
Fibro-Cement	1	6	7	-	4	4	79	90	3.5
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	.1
Total Houses	167	380	547	173	103	276	855	1,678	65.7
Flats	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	.1
Shops with Dwellgs.	2	2	4	4	-	-	4	14	22
Shops w/o Dwellgs.	-	2	2	3	-	-	3	13	18
Hotels, Guest Houses etc.	55	4	59	8	1	9	11	79	3.1
Factories	26	6	32	17	3	20	238	290	11.4
Other New Bldgs.	189	23	212	66	10	76	178	466	18.2
Total Other Bldgs.	273	37	310	98	14	112	455	877	34.3
Total New Bldgs.	440	417	857	271	117	388	1,310	2,555	100.0
Percentage of Total	17.2	16.3	33.5	10.6	4.6	15.2	51.3	100.0	...

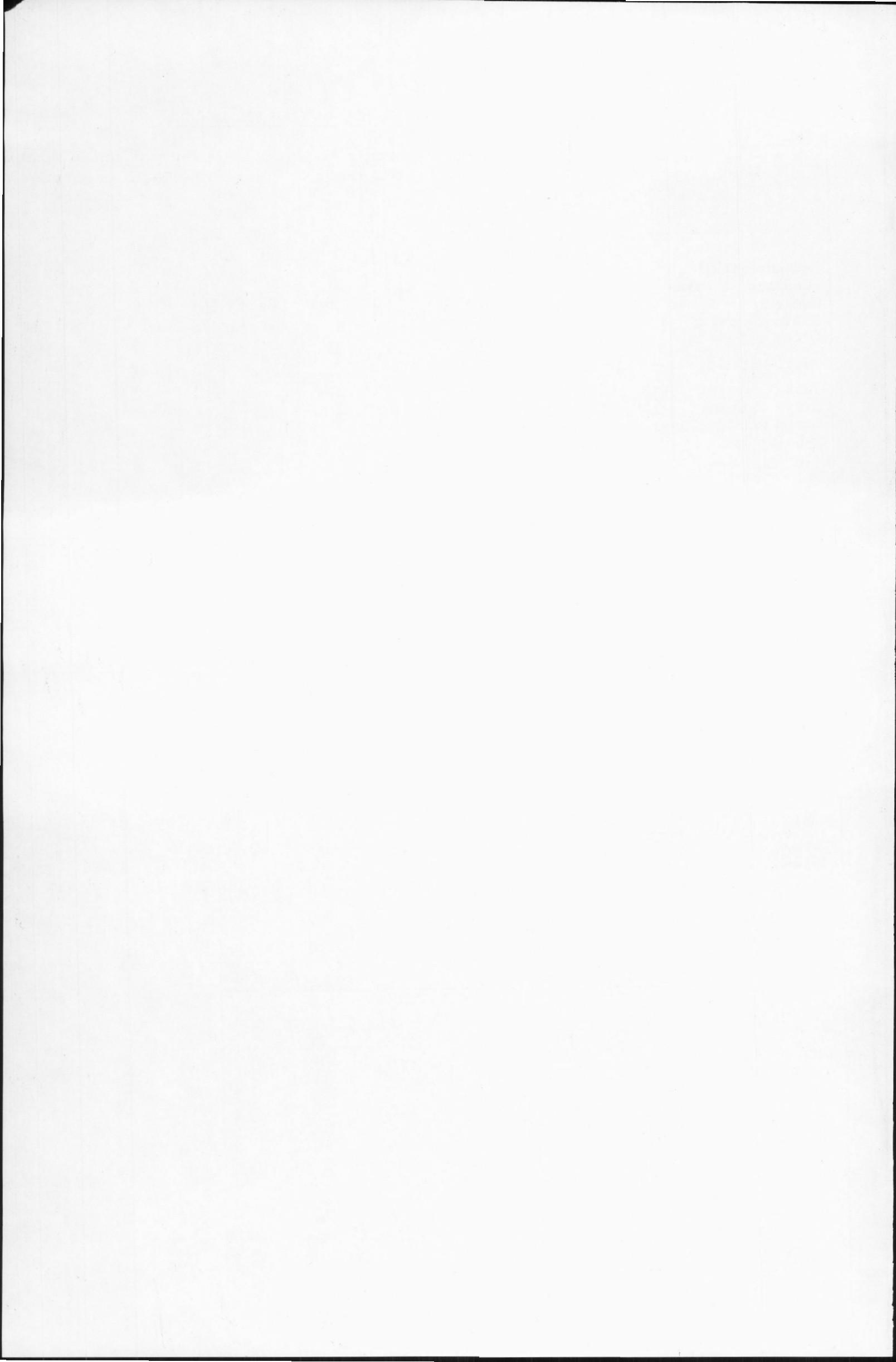
VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS, TASMANIA-SUMMARY.

(UNIT: £'000)

PERIOD	Hobart			Launceston			Rest of State	Total Tasmania
	City	Sub- urbs	City & Suburbs	City	Sub- urbs	City & Suburbs		
1951-March Qtr.	289	575	864	262	222	484	1,013	2,361
June Qtr.	325	708	1,033	262	191	453	1,325	2,811
Sept.Qtr.	376	811	1,187	395	174	569	1,380	3,136
Decr.Qtr.	432	880	1,312	453	138	591	1,497	3,400
1952-Mar. Qtr.	334	585	919	369	137	506	1,221	2,646
June Qtr.	423	474	897	326	137	463	1,333	2,693
Sept.Qtr.	322	671	993	350	122	472	1,357	2,822
Decr.Qtr.	440	417	857	271	117	388	1,310	2,555

VALUE OF WORK DONE ON NEW BUILDINGS, TASMANIA-SUMMARY.

PERIOD	New Houses		Other New Buildings		All Buildings	
	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	
1950 Sept.Qtr.	2,460	63.2	1,434	36.8		3,894
Dec. Qtr.	1,828	73.7	652	26.3		2,480
1951-Mar. Qtr.	1,863	78.9	498	21.1		2,361
June Qtr.	2,240	79.7	571	20.3		2,811
Sept.Qtr.	2,122	67.7	1,014	32.3		3,136
Dec. Qtr.	2,422	71.2	978	28.8		3,400
1952-Mar. Qtr.	1,924	72.7	722	27.3		2,646
June Qtr.	1,712	63.6	981	36.4		2,693
Sept.Qtr.	2,001	70.9	821	29.1		2,822
Dec.Qtr.	1,678	65.7	877	34.3		2,555



7. PERSONS WORKING ON NEW BUILDINGS.

Note: The figures quoted below include estimates for persons working on owner-built houses, but exclude principals and their employees engaged solely on alterations and additions.

There were 5,865 persons, including 1,515 working principals engaged on the construction of new buildings at 31st December, 1952. Of these 2,739 were carpenters, 405 were bricklayers and 1,247 were builders' labourers.

The numbers of persons engaged at 31st December, 1952 and previous years were as follows:- 1946-3099, 1947-4063, 1948-4849, 1949-5901, 1950-6821, 1951-7321, and 1952-5865. Of the latter number, 4492 were working on private contract jobs, 700 on owner-built houses and 727 on Government day labour projects. The returns indicated that 3033 persons were working on new houses, 1637 on other new buildings, 433 on alterations and additions to houses, 424 on alterations and additions to other buildings and 338 on repair and maintenance work.

Details of the number of work classified according to type of occupation at 30th June, 1946 and later dates, are as follows:-

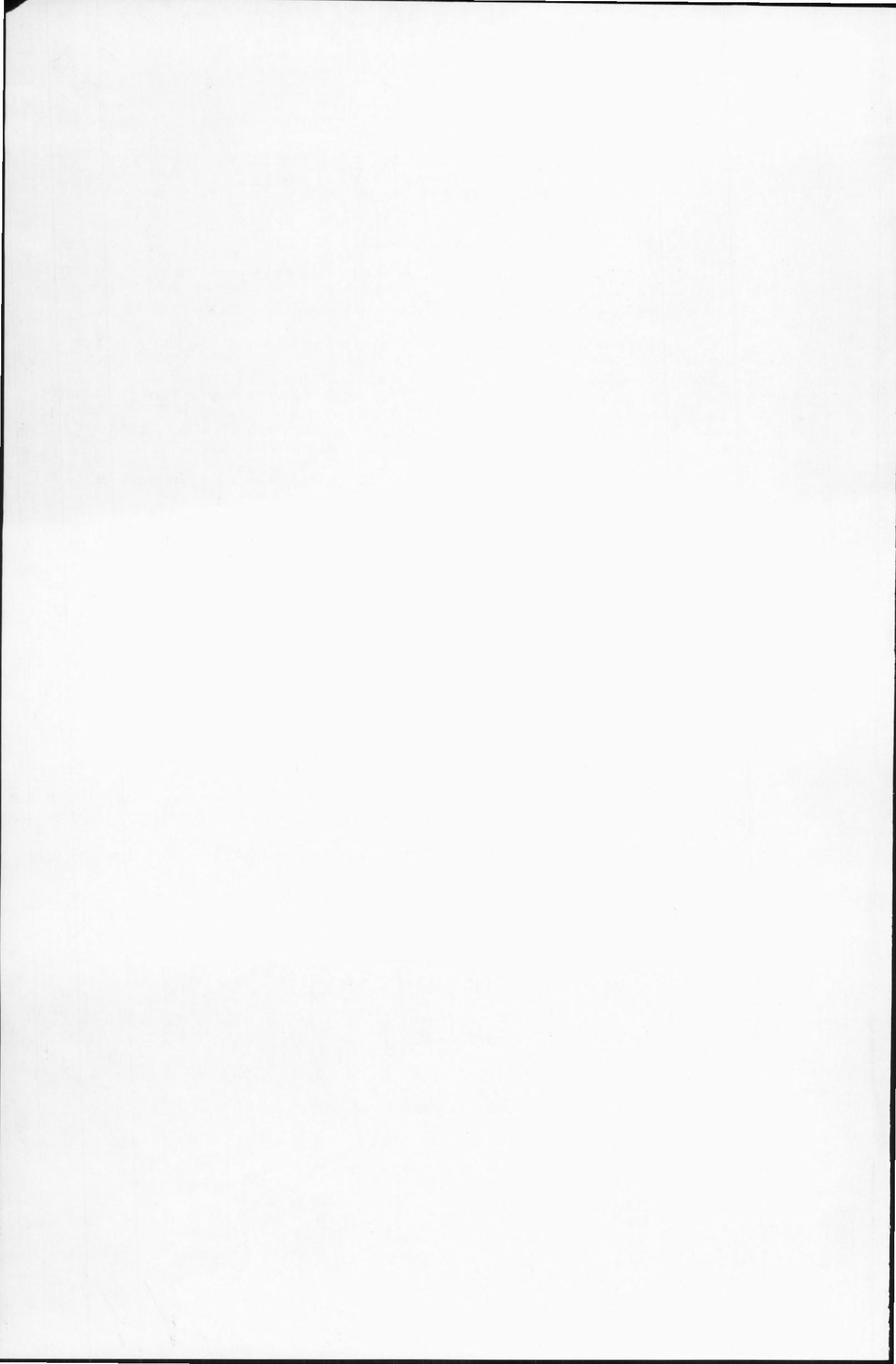
WORKERS (a) ENGAGED ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS
OF NEW BUILDINGS IN TASMANIA.

OCCUPATION	30th June.							30th	31st Dec.
	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952		
Carpenters	1,083	1,750	2,048	2,699	3,152	3,605	2,933	2,997	2,739
Bricklayers	217	257	284	370	402	536	429	420	405
Painters	207	214	248	283	360	467	379	390	382
Electricians	79	123	137	161	203	226	170	181	188
Plumbers	140	150	206	238	266	312	270	257	265
Builders' Labourers	466	721	770	1,172	1,303	1,603	1,313	1,299	1,247
Others	322	424	603	642	739	771	523	618	639
Total Workers	2,514	3,639	4,296	5,570	6,430	7,520	6,017	6,162	5,865

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Contractors (a)	330	578	716	913	1,159	1,153	1,000	936	982
Sub-Contractors (a)	232	297	375	421	506	675	469	582	563
Wage Earners	1,952	2,764	3,205	4,236	4,765	5,692	4,548	4,644	4,320

(a) Actually working on jobs.



3. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED.

Owner-Builder: For the purpose of this Bulletin, an owner-builder is a person who is actually building his own house or is having his house built under his own direction without the services of a Contractor.

Commenced: A building is regarded as having been commenced when work on foundations has begun. Owing to the difficulty of defining the exact point that this represents in building operations, it is probable that interpretations placed upon it by informants are not entirely uniform.

Completed: A building is regarded as having been completed when the builder has fulfilled the terms of the contract. As with commencements, the interpretations placed upon this definition may vary.

Under Construction: A building remaining uncompleted at the end of a period is regarded as being under construction regardless of whether construction was actively proceeding on that particular date.

Employment: The figures of employment relate to persons actually working on new buildings on a specified day. They include working principals, employees, men working as, or for, sub-contractors and men temporarily laid off on account of weather. In addition, they include some employees engaged on alterations, additions, renovations or repairs to buildings when these jobs are undertaken by a contractor who builds new buildings. The figures include estimates for persons working on owner-built houses.

Values: All values shown exclude the value of land and represent the estimated value of buildings on completion.

All figures in this Bulletin relate to the operations of private contractors, Government Authorities and owner-builders.

Figures relate only to the operations of persons who build new buildings.

Alterations, additions, renovations and repairs to buildings are excluded, because of the difficulty in obtaining complete lists of persons who engage in these operations.

Figures for houses exclude converted military huts, flats, and shop dwellings. Some houses built on farms are excluded but these do not affect the figures materially.

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